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DUPLEXING

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## PRELMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please amend the application as follows:

## In the Specification

On page 1, line 3, please insert — Priority is herewith claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) from copending U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/130,221, filed April 20, 1999, by John R. Shedden, and entitled "ACTIVE LOG READ I/O BALANCING FOR LOG DUPLEXING". The disclosure of this Provisional Patent Application is incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.—

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